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THERE IS NO MYSTERY.

Notwithstanding all speculation now being heard about it, including a possible early appeal to the people for a mandate of his own, an extensive trip across this country, wide Cabinet reorganization, etc., yet it is believed in well-informed quarters along Parliament Hill that there is no mystery why Premier King's successor External Affairs Minister Louis St. Laurent, is not going overseas to lead Canada's delegation at the Assembly of the United Nations in Paris in September, nor is he likely to attend the Commonwealth Prime Minister's Conference in London in October, though it is not absolutely certain about the latter trip if his presence should be considered necessary.

It is understood here that the new leader of the Canadian Government is simply not going overseas at present to attend any such lengthy international gatherings because there are pressing domestic problems which he feels need his personal attention within Canada. In fact, according to authoritative sources here, he is anxious to make essential preparation for the coming session of Parliament which is due to open not long from now or not long after he is assuming the active leadership as head of the new administration.

It should be emphasized that, as Acting Prime Minister while Premier King will be overseas he will be even now assuming immediate direction of all policy matters of the Government. He will be preparing the plans for the coming sessions and other important tasks awaiting his personal attention will include arrangements for a Cabinet reorganization, though this is expected not to be extensive at this time but still may include some surprises, judging from gossip in political circles along Parliament Hill where it is forecast that at least two present Parliamentary Assistants may become Ministers, one or two Ministers may retire and a former Minister may return to the Cabinet. Then again it is known here that Mr. St.

Laurent may want to handle the negotiations for Newfoundland's entry into Confederation as a tenth province by personal direction of the final dealings; the appeal of the provincial governments on the freight rate boosts, and many other pressing domestic problems which will require his presence in this capital as head of the new administration. Obviously, there is no mystery why Mr. St. Laurent has preferred to remain here rather than lead the two important delegations overseas for lengthy meetings.

IT'S LEGAL THEY SAY

The intensive spy hunt and probe in Washington where stern and swift action is being taken against Communists, including the arrest of William Foster as head of the Communist party of the United States and other top ranking leaders of the party may not necessarily lead to similar moves in Ottawa. It is learned, though the authorities here are on the alert and prepared to stamp out quickly any Communist activities which violate the law of this land. But it is significant for the man in the street in Canada to bear in mind that the Communist Party in this country is still apparently legal an entity even though denounced by all political forces.

At the last session of Parliament a private bill was presented here that would have made it illegal as a party but the House of Commons somehow did not vote on it. This bill, in the name of Wilfrid Laurier, Liberal MP for Quebec—Montmorency, aimed to make the Labor-Progressive Party, actually a Communist group, an illegal organization. However, no such action was taken though there is a belief that an attempt to ban this party will be made when the House gathers again, probably at the beginning of the coming year. In the meantime the deportation of labor leaders suspected of Communist leanings and who come to Canada from United States where things are being made "hot" for them now and the "screening" of immigrants coming here from abroad to prevent any Communists from entering Canada are part of the general campaign by the Canadian authorities to fight Communism in this country, with the understanding along Parliament Hill that the Canadian authorities are cooperating rather closely with officials of other democratic governments to curb Communist activities, even though at least on the surface, such actions by the authorities here are not unlike those taken now by authorities in Washington and elsewhere, especially the arrest of the top ranking

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"It is my intention to seek retirement from office as soon after my return from London as may serve to meet my successors convenience" asserted Premier King indicating his plans to go overseas and retire upon his return.

"It seems to me the Russians continued on page three

CONSERVING SUPPLIES

In order to conserve Canada's butter supplies, it is suggested here that a number of actions may be taken to see that the "domestic disappearance" does not continue to grow at its current rate, with the consumption per capita being higher in the latest official report and the so-called "domestic disappearance" being greater than last year at the same time. Among the proposals suggested are restrictions on butter contents of gift parcels sent overseas, limits on amount of butter tourists can take out of Canada etc., especially the latter since it is believed that, with butter selling at much higher prices in U.S. as "canning" rules prevail there, fairly large quantities of butter have disappeared through tourist purchases, this being particularly true near border points.

SALES ARE DROPPING

Evidence before the Royal Commission on Prices here has disclosed that orders received by Canadian shoe manufacturers from retailers are dropping so far this year, though some manufacturers claimed that this was not correct in their own cases. One well-known Canadian shoe firm executive told the Commission that his firm's sales have declined 25% attributing this drop to "buyers resistance" to high prices and efforts of retailers to keep their stock down now. However, other manufacturers asserted that their orders were holding up well so far, obviously indicating that sales conditions in shoes were extremely unsettled at present.

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